

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : May I know whether in the transport of grains will not the expense incurred thereby be taken into consideration in fixing the price of paddy or other foodgrains?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : I do not think that arises out of this question.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : May I know whether it is not the duty of Government to enquire as to how the foodgrains are transported so that a reasonable price may be fixed for the grains to be purchased?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI : This question relates to the transport of foodgrains from outside India and therefore the question is irrelevant.

Transport of food grains.

70 *MR. P. S. MOHAMED : Will the Government be pleased to state the method and ways used for the conveyance of food grains to the highlands in the State?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : The conveyance of food grains to the highlands is made by means of Motor Lorries.

MR. P. S. MOHAMED : ഈ കൺവേയൻസ് നടത്തുന്നത് ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെന്റായിട്ടാണോ അതോ കൺട്രാക്ടർ മുഖേനയോ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : ആത്ം ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെന്റൽ മോട്ടാർ ലാറികൾ ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്നോ അവരെക്കൊണ്ടു കൺവേയൻസ് നടത്തിക്കുന്നു. ലോറികൾ ഉള്ളവക്ക് അതിലേക്ക് പെർമിറ്റും കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. P. S. MOHAMED : ഈ ആവശ്യത്തിലേക്കു മാത്രം ലോറി ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്നവർക്കാണോ പെർമിറ്റു കൊടുക്കുന്നത്?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : The member does seem to have understood the position. Those who want to transport foodgrains in a lorry can do so in a private lorry by giving proper hire and there is no objection at all to utilise any kind of lorry for that purpose, provided the necessary permit is obtained.

Provision Merchants.

71 *MR. P. S. MOHAMED : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table :

(a) a caste-war statement of the number of the provision merchants who hold license for the trade in Trivandrum, Quilon and Kottayam Divisions separately; and

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(b) a caste-war statement showing the number of merchants whose names were included in the register for giving permits for getting down the following goods :—

- (i) onions ;
- (ii) chillies ;
- (iii) potatoes ; and
- (iv) other sundry articles ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : The time and labour involved in collecting the information are incommensurate with its possible utility.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI : Sir, on a point of order, when once the question has been admitted by the President, is it open to the departmental Head to say that the information cannot be furnished on account of the difficulty in the collection of statistics ?

PRESIDENT : The admission of questions is strictly dependant upon statutory requirements and all questions cannot be disallowed on the ground of acting against public interest. Government have to admit the questions under certain provisions of the law. Whether the Government consider it or the department considers it as to whether the question is to be answered, is a matter for the Government to decide. As a matter of fact, Government can say that the time and labour involved in collecting the information are not commensurate with its possible utility. Such practices are found everywhere.

MR. P. S. MOHAMED : ഈ വ്യാപാരികൾക്ക് പെർമിറ്റുകൊടുക്കുന്നത് എന്തു നയത്തെ അടിസ്ഥാനപ്പെടുത്തിയാണ് ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : ഉള്ളിക്കച്ചവടക്കാരെപ്പറ്റിയാണെങ്കിൽ താഹസിൽഭായുടെ റിപ്പോർട്ടിനെ അടിസ്ഥാനപ്പെടുത്തിയാണ് കൂടുതൽ കൊല്ലങ്ങൾ കച്ചവടംചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ള വ്യാപാരികൾക്കാണ് പെർമിറ്റുകൊടുക്കുന്നത്. അങ്ങനെ സംസ്ഥാനത്തിന്റെ നാനാഭാഗങ്ങളിലും വ്യാപാരികളെ ഏല്പെടുത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ട്.

Grow More Food Campaign.

72 *MR. K. A. MAHOMED : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) what are the activities of Government to grow more food in the State ; and

(b) whether there is any machinery working under Government to advise the public as to the methods to be adopted to grow more food ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : (a) 1. Opening of departmental manure depots and stocking manures for sale to ryots at cost price and on credit on crop loan basis, with a view to increasing crop yield.